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H E Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif
Prime Minister of Pakistan

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

It was a pleasure and an honour to meet with you in Switzerland.

You will recall that during that meeting I broached the subject of a number of Arab Mujahideen who had fought valiantly in the Afghan Jihad and who were firmly committed to the cause of Islam. I mentioned that, according to reports, the governments of these Mujahideen were not happy about their political views and were pressing for their return so that they could be given examplary punishments. I requested you not to hand them over to their respective governments as they were certain to be dealt with very severely. Your response was very encouraging.

We have now received reports that some 40 such Mujahideen have been arrested in Peshawar and are being held in Hayat Abad prison. Among them is Mr Ibrahim Naji who was tried by the Egyptian government in absentia and given the death sentence. He is certain to be executed if returned to Egypt.

I request Your Excellency that if, for any reason, it is not possible to give asylum to these people in Pakistan, then they be allowed to go to any country of their choice, instead of being repatriated to their native countries.

With my warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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